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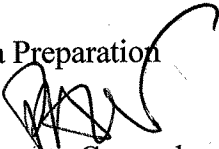
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TO: SACHI A. HAMAI
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Logan Cigrang v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10406

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached are the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation, the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Logan Cigrang v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10406, in the amount of \$600,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Probation Department's budget.

This lawsuit alleges that due to improper supervision by Probation Department employees a former juvenile ward sustained physical injuries.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Logan Cigrang vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 12-10406
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 7, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Probation Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 600,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Gregory W. Smith
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Logan Cigrang alleges that due to improper supervision by Probation staff, he suffered physical injuries while in the custody of the Probation Department.</p> <p>The Deputy Probation Officers deny the allegations. However, due to the risks and uncertainties of the litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$600,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 92,779
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 13,388

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Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of Incident/event:	January 8, 2012
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiff, a juvenile, alleged that he was forced by Department personnel to engage in "mixed-martial arts-style" matches with other juveniles while detained at Camp Mendenhall. Plaintiff suffered a fractured neck during one of these matches and contends he was denied adequate medical care from County medical staff.

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

There are two primary root causes that will (or have been) addressed in connection with this lawsuit:

- Department Personnel endorsed the wrestling match that led to Plaintiff's injury.
- Department Personnel did not document the conclusions reached following Plaintiff's initial medical evaluation and therefore were unaware of the potential need for follow-up treatment.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The corrective action plan will consist of two steps:

1. Discharge of Department personnel who allowed the wrestling match to take place in violation of Department Policies and Procedures.

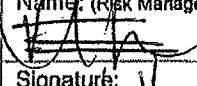
This step was completed by Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers in May 2013.

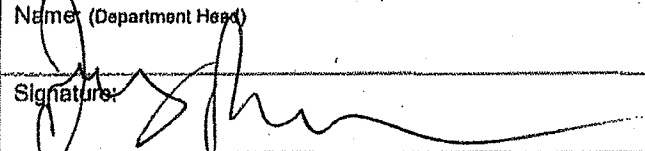
2. Reinforce the Department's Role in ensuring minors receive adequate medical treatment to all staff, Directors, and Managers in the Residential Treatment Services Bureau.

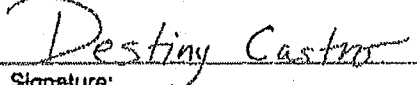
This step will be completed by October 2014 through a series of Bureau and Staff Meetings and the responsible person is Bureau Chief Luis Dominguez.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
 Veronica Pawlowski	
Signature:	Date: 8/18/2014

Name: (Department Head)	
	
Signature:	Date:

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)	
 Destiny Castro	
Signature:	Date: 8/18/2014